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SUBJECT: TIP REPORT DELIVERED TO KEY GERMAN MINISTRIES

- 11. (U) THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS AN ACTION REQUEST FOR G/TIP. PLEASE SEE PARA 3.
- 12. (U) On June 4, Global Affairs Officer and Embassy Legal Advisor delivered ref A points informing regarding the TIP Report's release and Germany's tier ranking to key officials in the German MFA, Family Ministry, Interior Ministry, Labor Ministry, and Justice Ministry. Post also shared the text of Germany's country narrative, including a German translation. Post is scheduled to follow up with these ministries in a July 1 interagency roundtable meeting to be hosted by the MFA. A German translation of the country narrative has been posted on the Embassy's website at http://amerikadienst.usembassy.de, along with links to the entire TIP Report on the Department's website.
- 13. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: In advance of the July 1 meeting with German officials, post requests G/TIP guidance to respond to previous German thoughts on potential ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the international fight against TIP (ref B). Specifically, in a February 25 meeting to review G/TIP's Action Plan for Germany, German officials noted the success of a 2006 DOJ visit focused on the U.S. T-Visa and suggested that a further exchange of best practices on victim identification techniques and efforts to fight labor trafficking would be useful for both countries. German officials have also expressed interest in improved information sharing between German and U.S. law enforcement on the structure and practices of criminal organizations engaged in trafficking. Finally, both the MFA and Justice Ministry reiterated interest in receiving information about U.S. efforts to educate and sensitize judges on TIP (ref C).

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